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TO: Legislative Liaison Officer

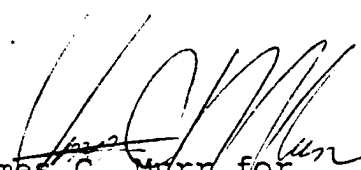
Department of Justice  
Department of State  
✓ Central Intelligence Agency  
Department of the Treasury  
Department of Commerce

  
SUBJECT: DOD views on a DOJ draft bill entitled "Acts of Terrorism"

The Office of Management and Budget requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

A response to this request for your views is needed no later than cob July 14, 1983.

Questions should be referred to Gregory Jones (395-3856), the legislative analyst in this office.

  
James C. Murr for  
Assistant Director for  
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

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GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301



24 JUN 1983

Honorable David A. Stockman  
Director, Office of Management  
and Budget  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Stockman:

Reference is made to your request for the views of the Department of Defense on a draft bill submitted by the Department of Justice entitled "Acts of Terrorism."

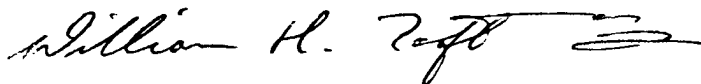
This draft bill has five sections which address different aspects of the problem of criminal terrorism, including a provision for payment of rewards to persons who provide information concerning acts of terrorism. The draft bill is acceptable except for that section dealing with rewards for information (title III).

The Department of Defense has reviewed and concurred in (my letter of April 8, 1983) a State Department draft bill, "Rewards for Information Concerning International Terrorist Acts". That draft bill, which had been approved by the Interdepartmental Group on Terrorism and was submitted by State as Chairman of the Group, is strongly preferred over the section of the Justice draft proposal (title III) that addresses rewards for information on terrorism.

The State draft bill deals only with rewards for information concerning acts of international terrorism, while the Justice draft includes authorization to pay rewards for both international terrorism and terrorism within the United States. The latter authorization is not required because Justice currently has authorization to pay rewards for acts of terrorism which violate United States law (18 U.S.C. 3059).

Title III of the Justice draft bill includes a provision in section 3072 that the Attorney General shall advise and consult with the Secretary of Defense before determining whether a person furnishing information on terrorism is entitled to a reward. This provision is included because of the subsequent provision in the draft bill that payment of the rewards will be paid out of funds appropriated for the operation of the Department of Defense. Since rewards for information on terrorism may relate to actual or potential acts of terrorism against any United States interest, and not only or principally against Department of Defense personnel or activities, it is not appropriate that the Department of Defense fund payments of rewards. Such funding would more appropriately be provided by the Agency responsible for determining the entitlement to the rewards. Without Department of Defense funding, consultation with the Secretary of Defense prior to determination of reward entitlement is not required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William H. Taft, IV". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "W" and "T".

William H. Taft, IV